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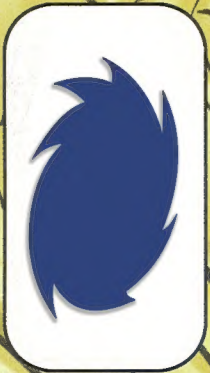
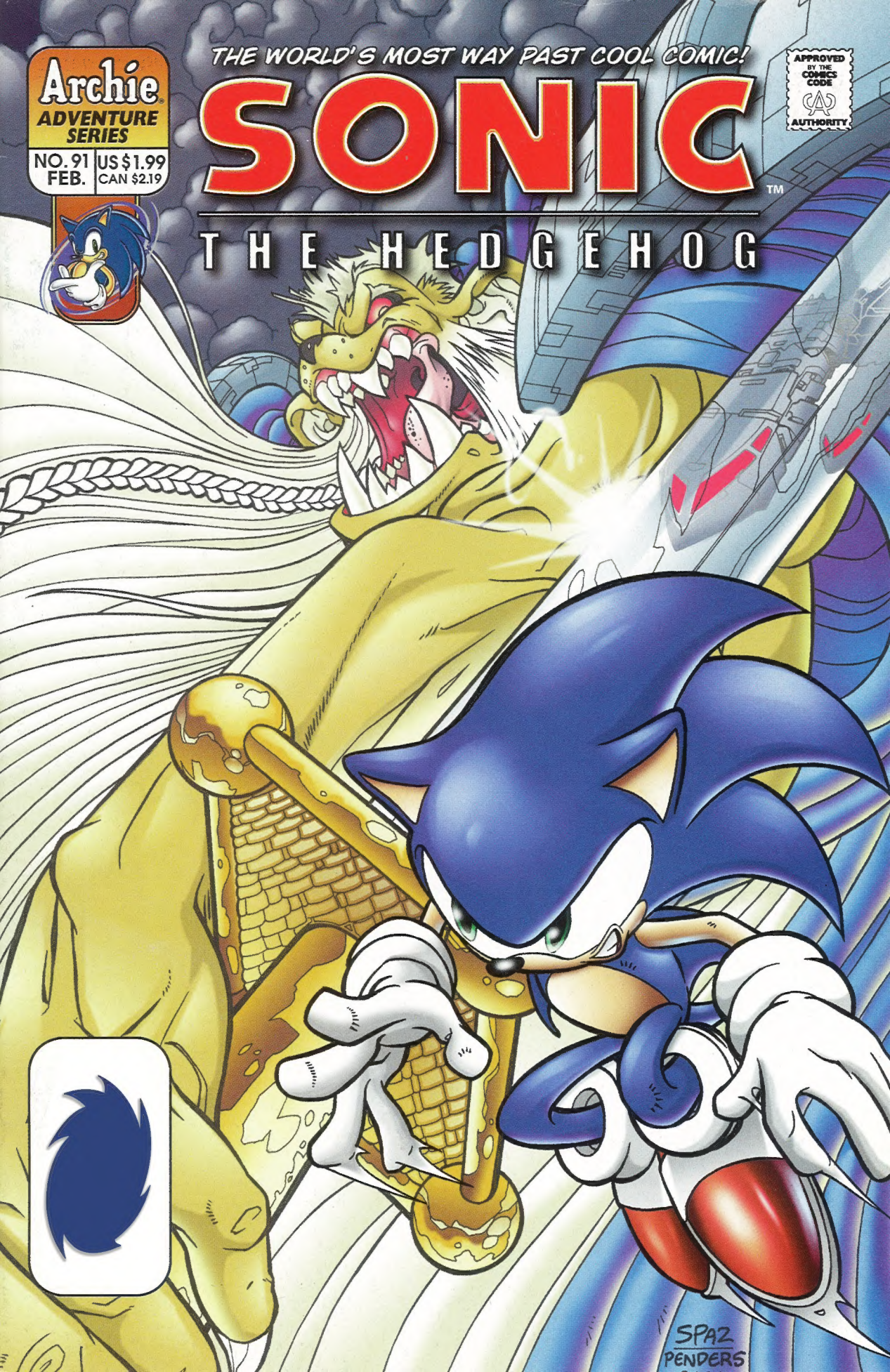
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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

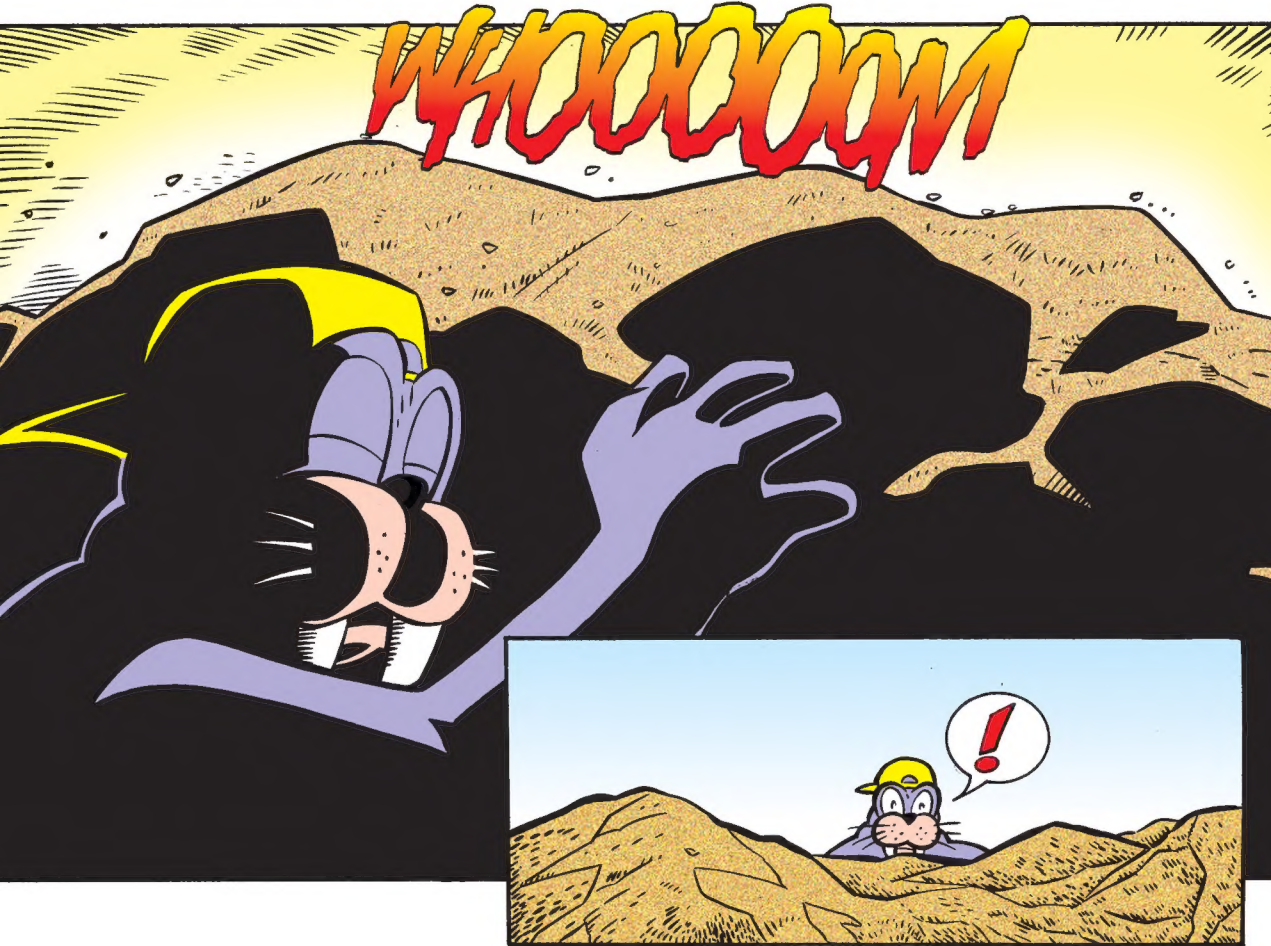
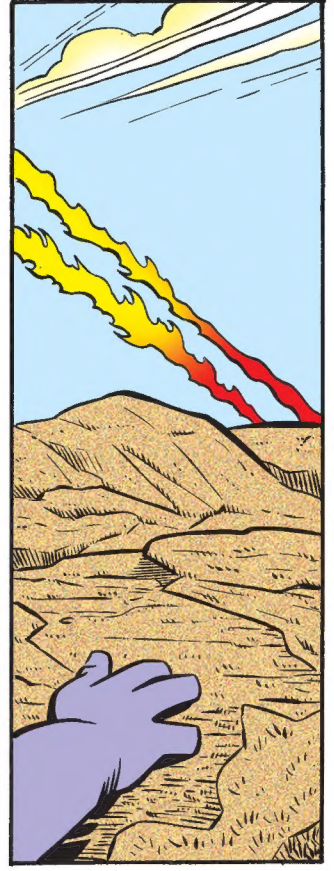
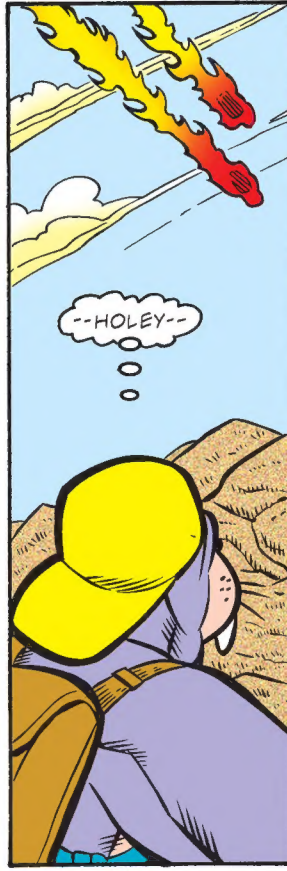


SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG



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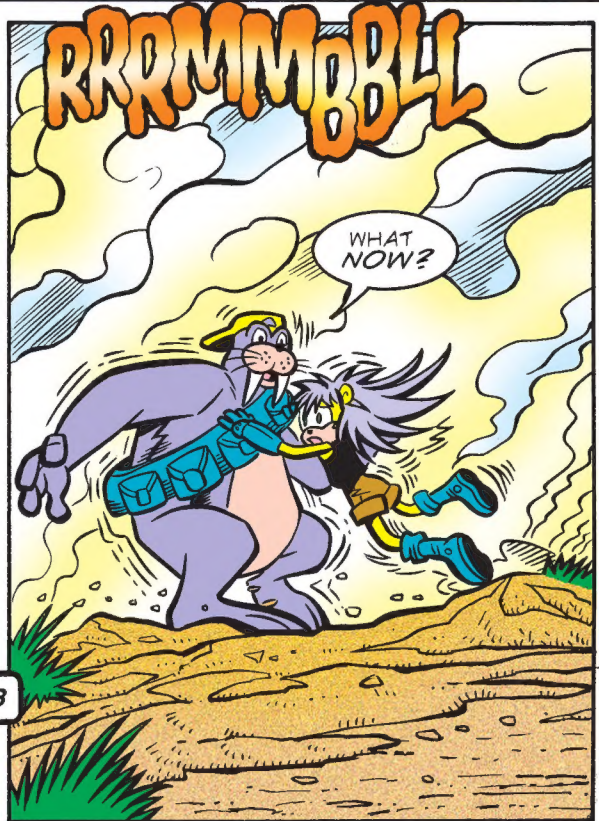
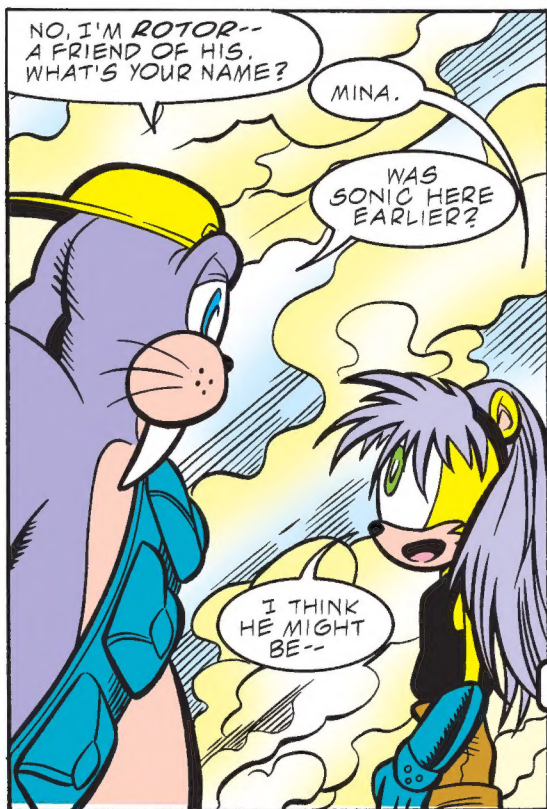
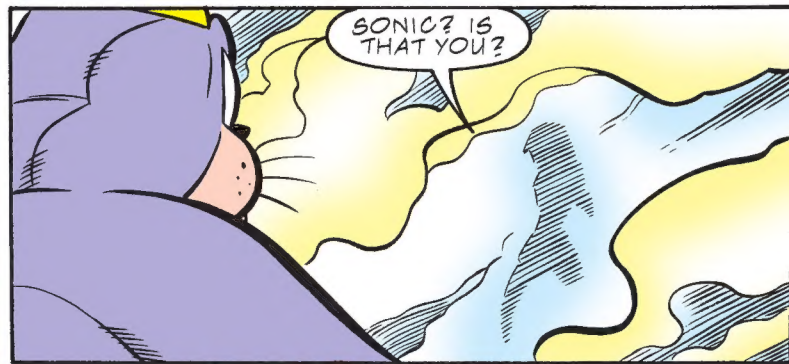
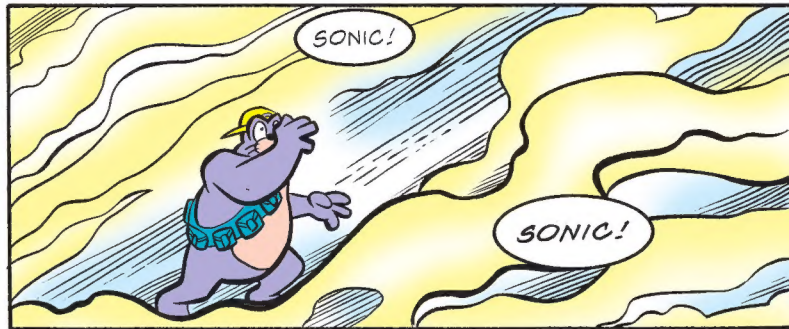
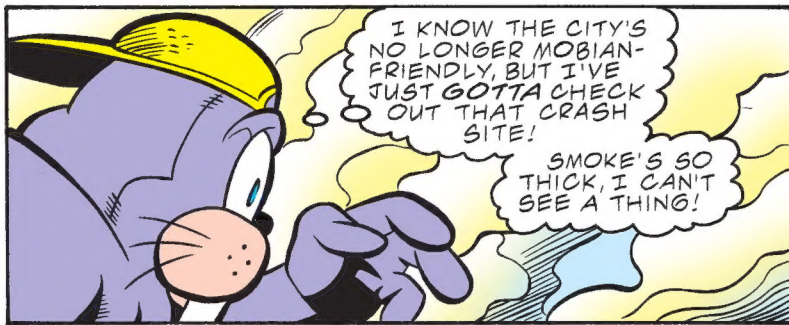
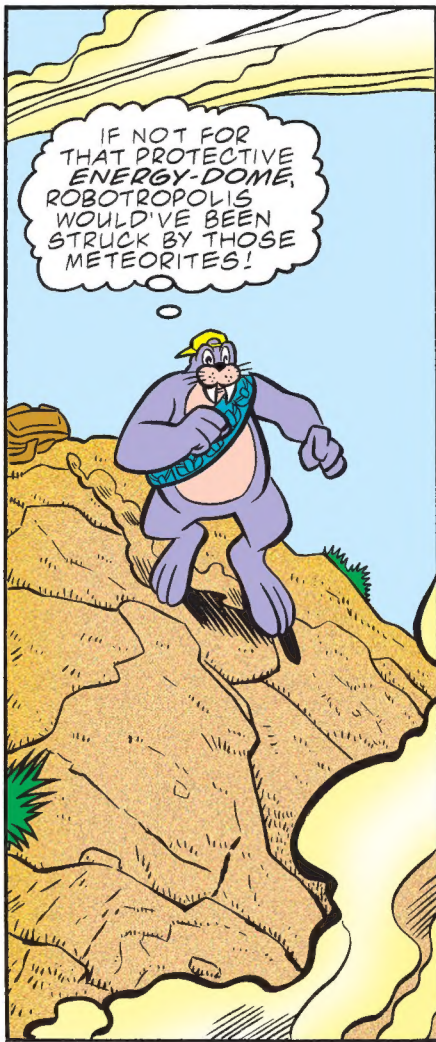
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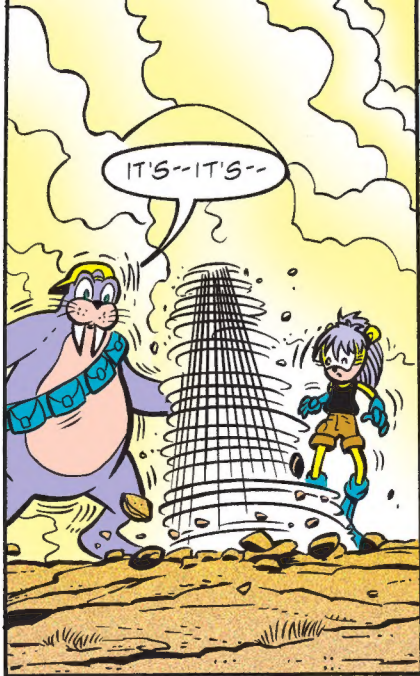
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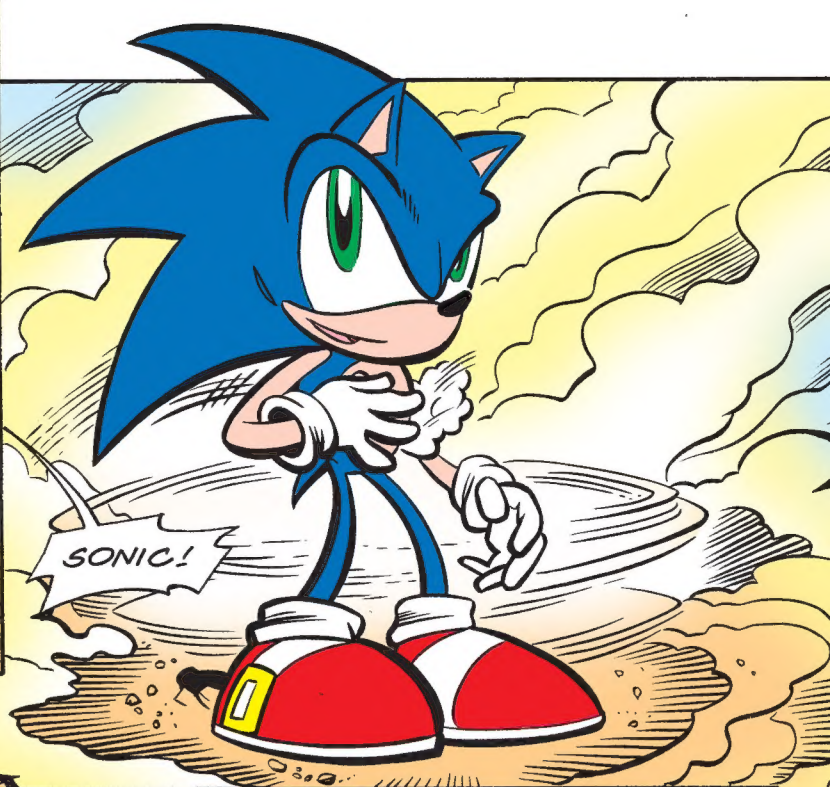
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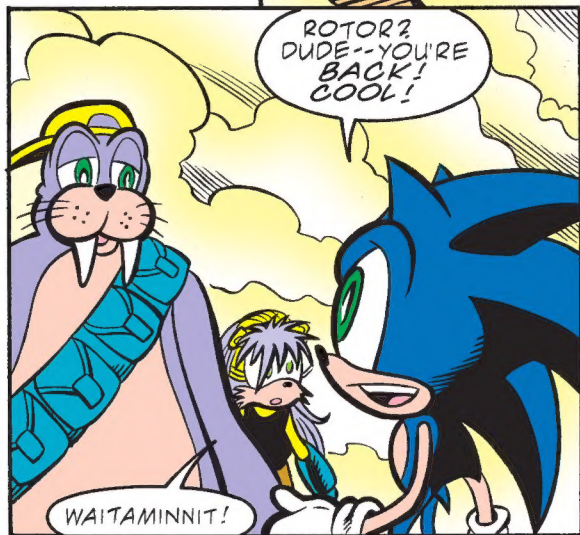




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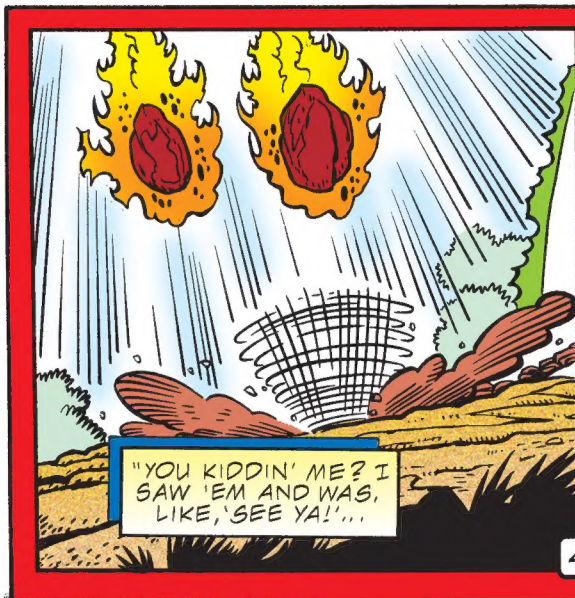


ROTOR? DUDE--YOU'RE BACK! COOL!

WAITAMINNIT!



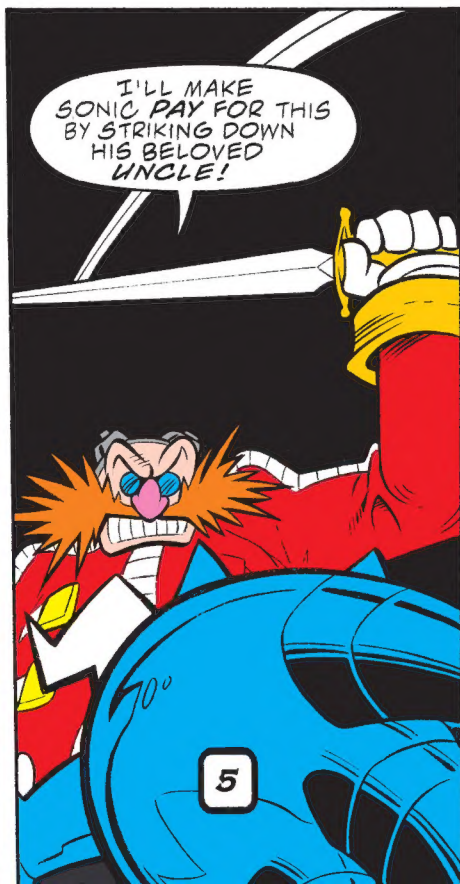
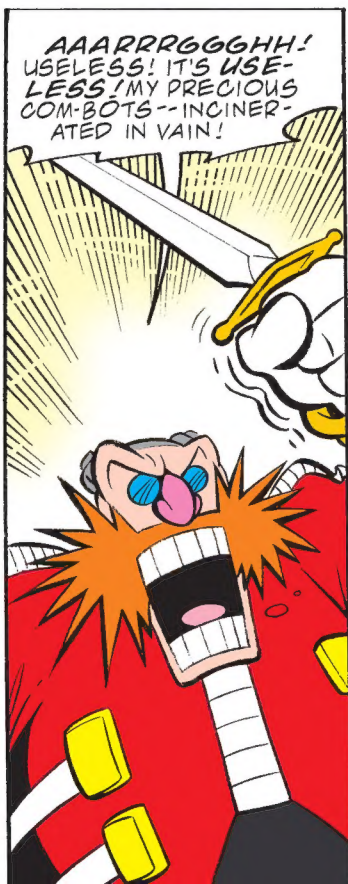
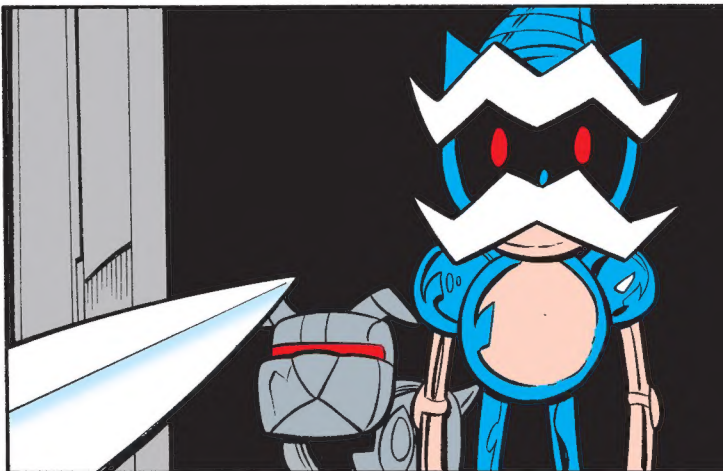
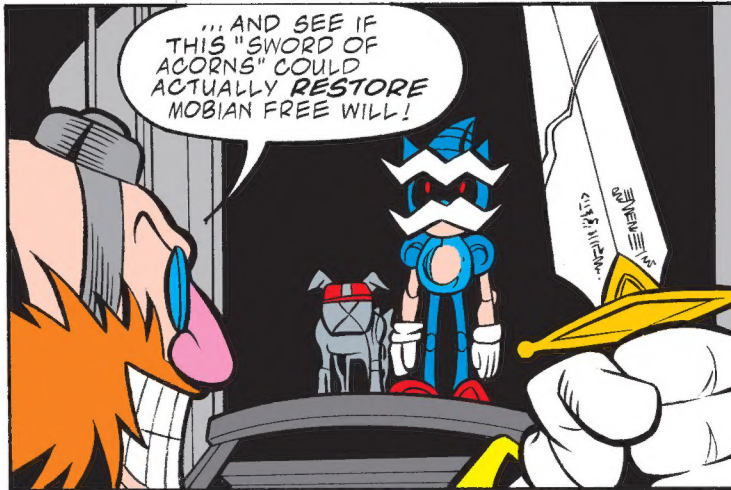
IS THAT IT? TWO GIANT... THINGIES FALL FROM THE SKY AND YOU SAY "COOL"? HOW'D YOU SURVIVE?



"YOU KIDDIN' ME? I SAW 'EM AND WAS, LIKE, 'SEE YA!'..."

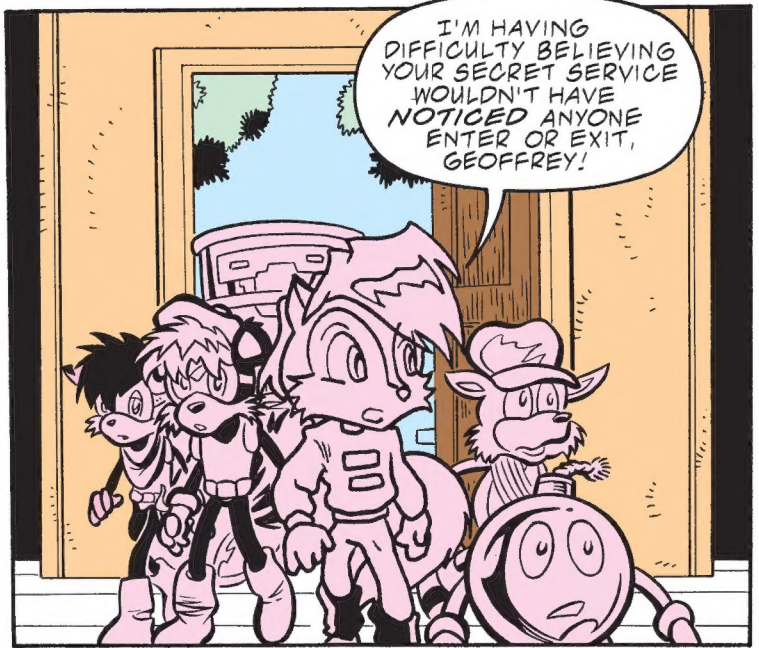


"...AND BY THE TIME THEY HIT I'D ALREADY USED MY SUPER-SPEED TO BURROW TO SAFETY!"

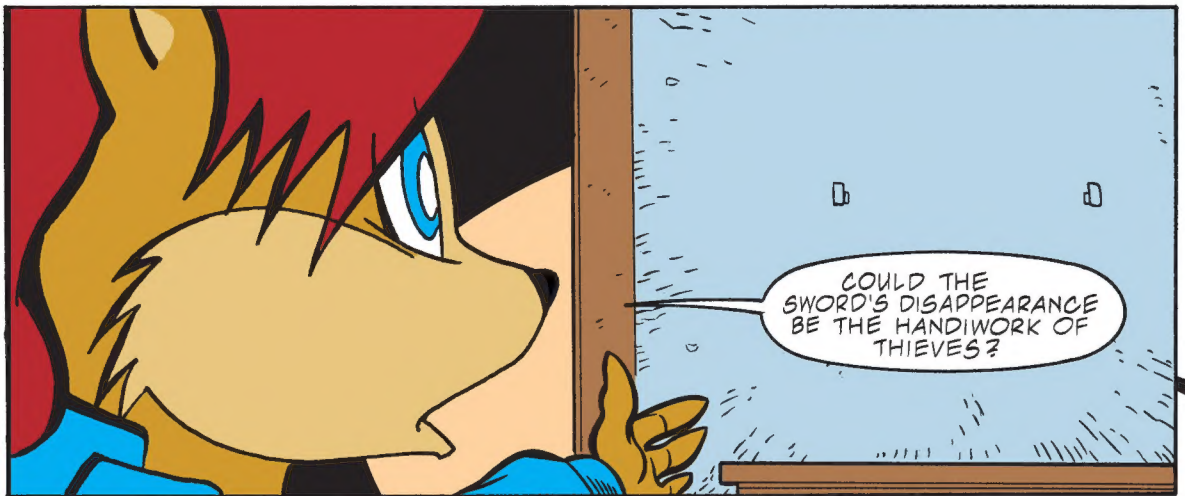




KNOTHOLE KINGDOM...



I'M HAVING DIFFICULTY BELIEVING YOUR SECRET SERVICE WOULDN'T HAVE NOTICED ANYONE ENTER OR EXIT, GEOFFREY!



COULD THE SWORD'S DISAPPEARANCE BE THE HANDIWORK OF THIEVES?



HIGHLY UNLIKELY, SIRE. DOES A PIRATE STEAL A TREASURE CHEST TO PURLOIN BUT A SINGLE GEM?

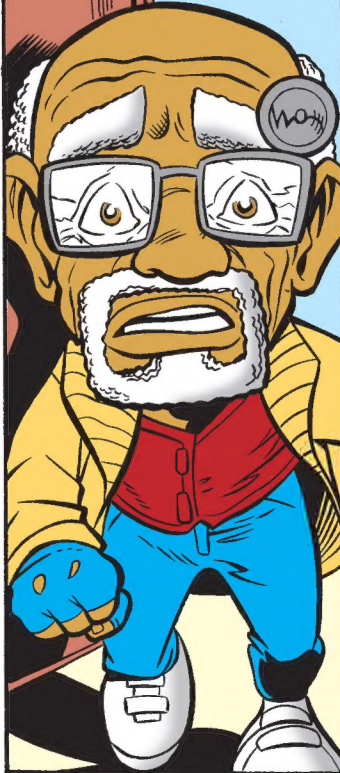
WHOEVER IT WAS TARGETED THE SWORD OF ACORNS SPECIFICALLY!

THE KNOTHOLE MEDICAL CENTER...

MY ENTIRE FAMILY HAS BEEN FINALLY REUNITED, ONLY TO LEARN THAT DAD HAS BEEN PARALYZED FROM THE WAIST DOWN...



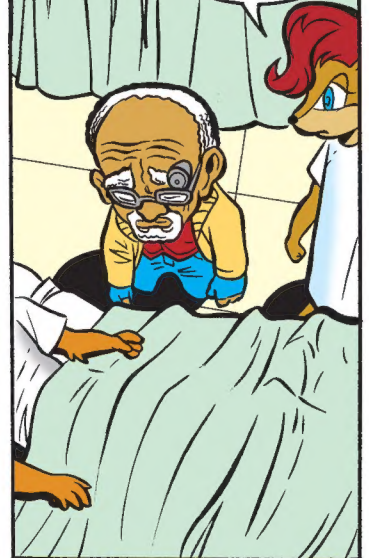
MAX?!



NATE MORGAN?

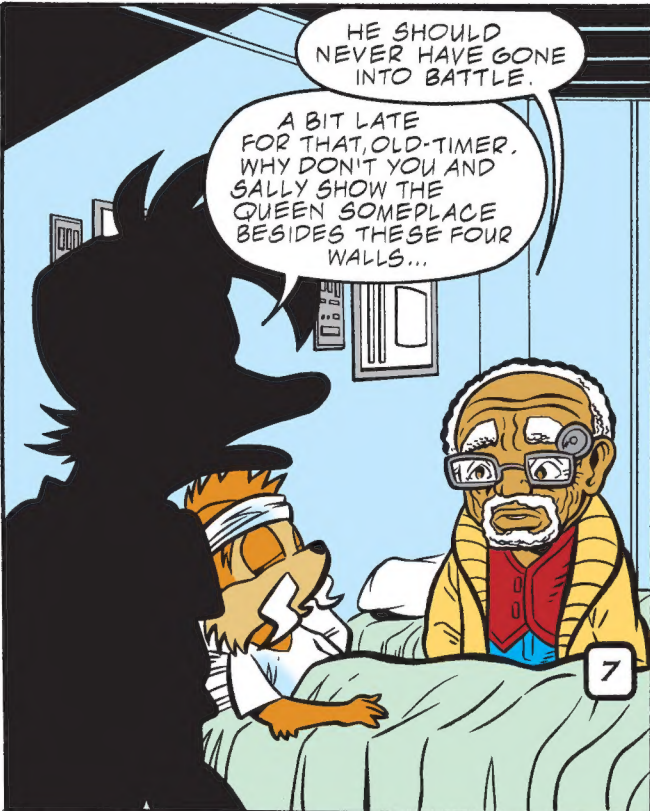
I CAME AS SOON AS I HEARD THE NEWS. HOW IS HE?

SLEEPING.

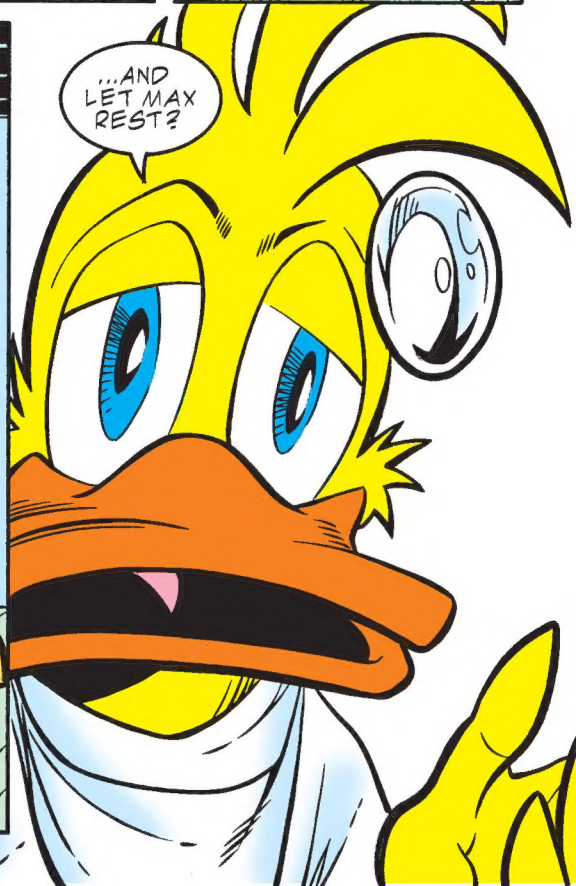


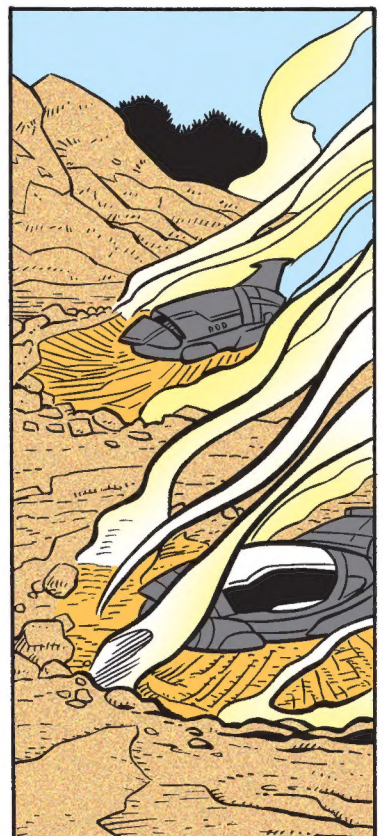
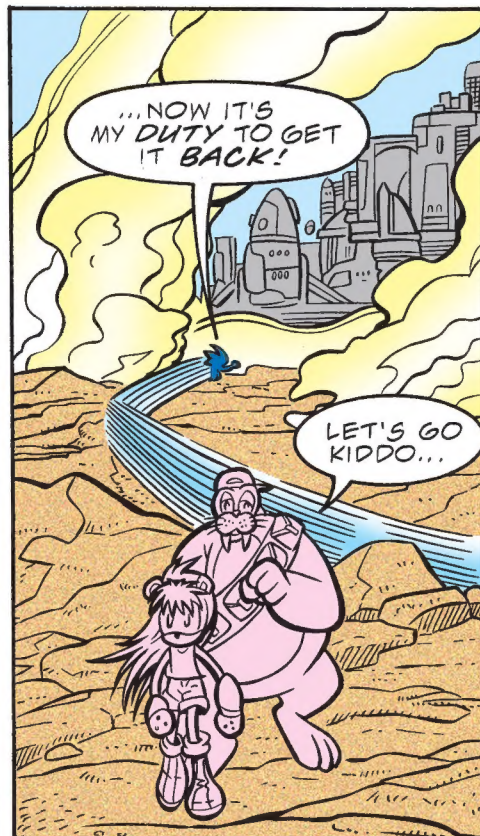
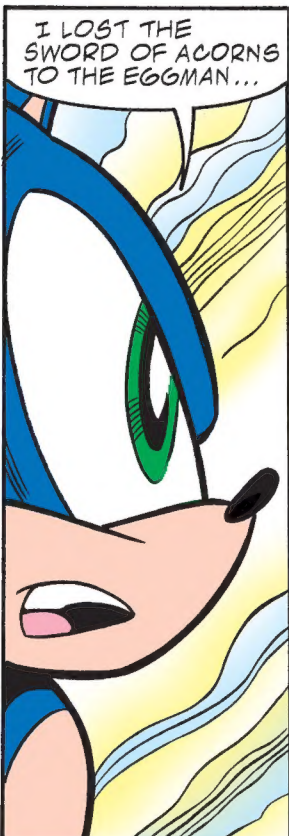
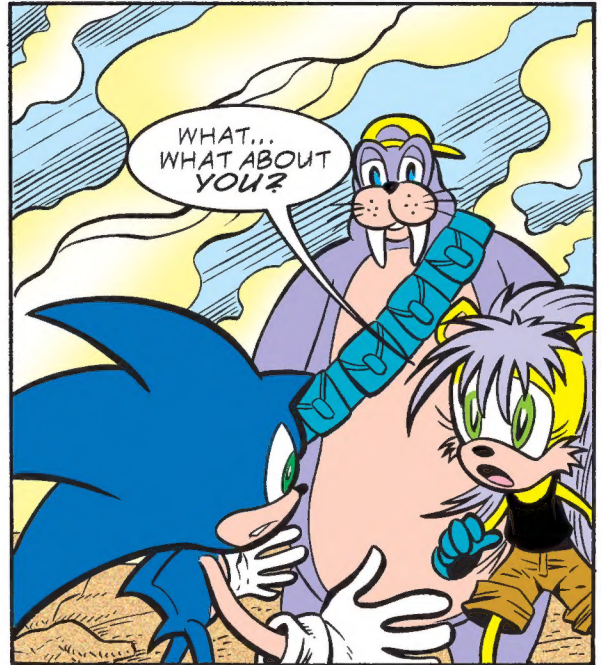
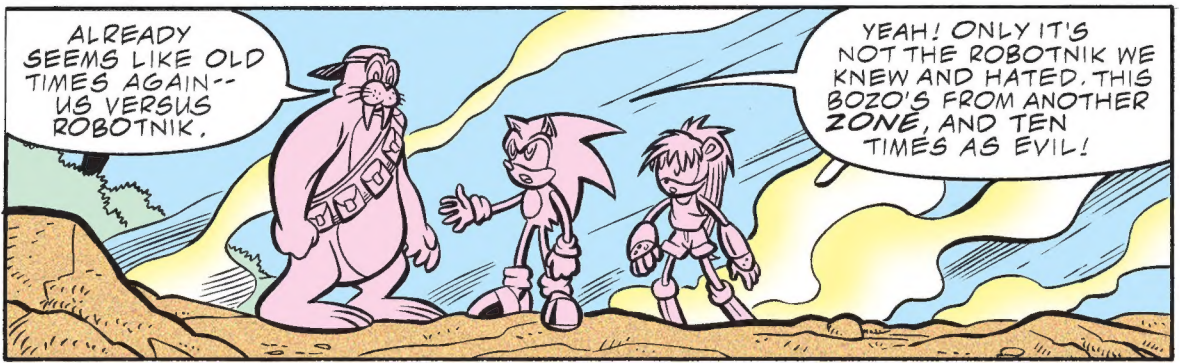
HE SHOULD NEVER HAVE GONE INTO BATTLE.

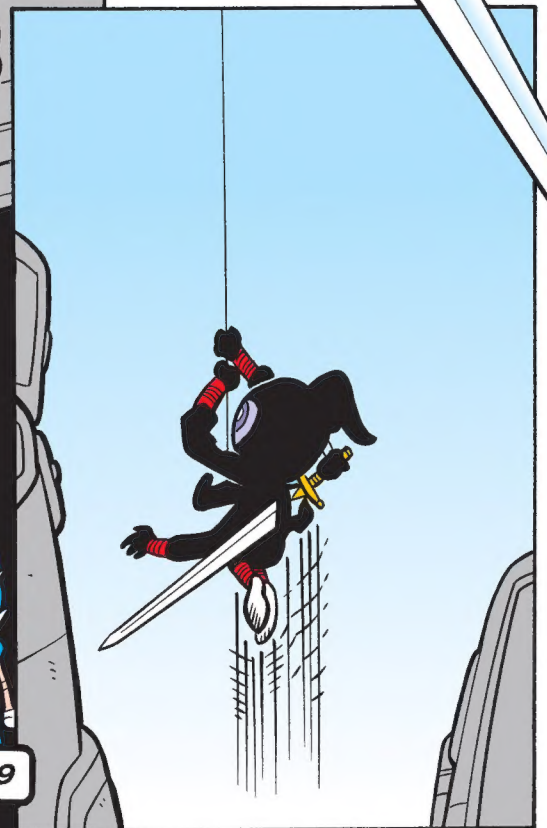
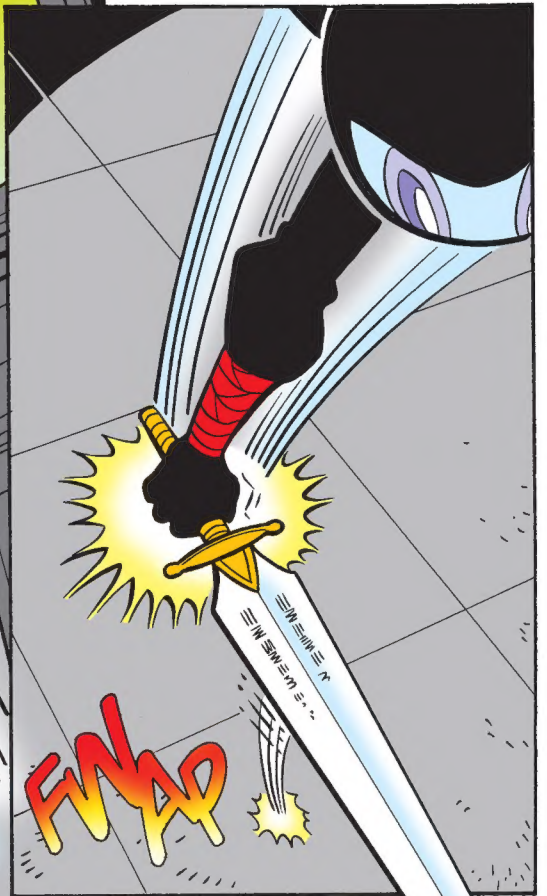
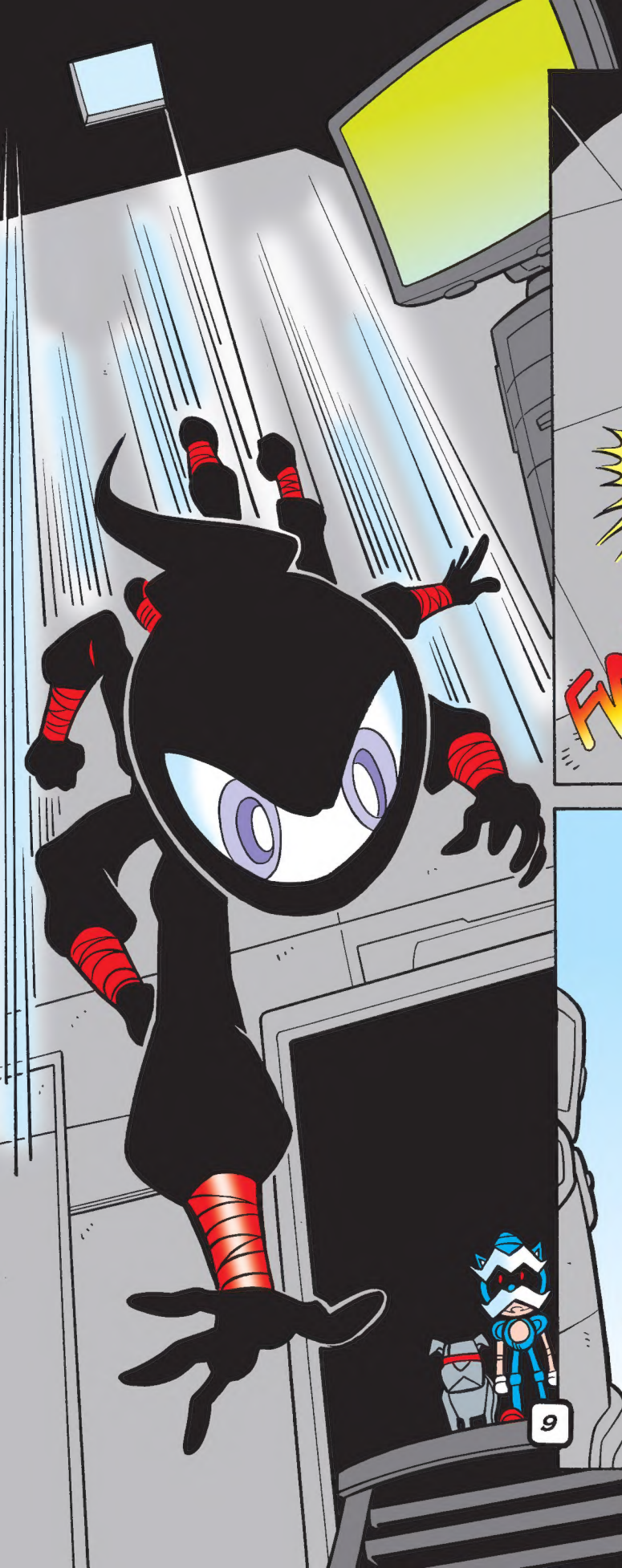
A BIT LATE FOR THAT, OLD-TIMER. WHY DON'T YOU AND SALLY SHOW THE QUEEN SOMEPLACE BESIDES THESE FOUR WALLS...

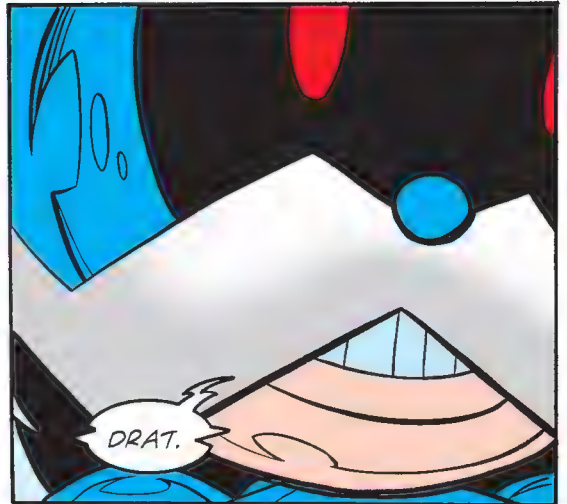


...AND LET MAX REST?

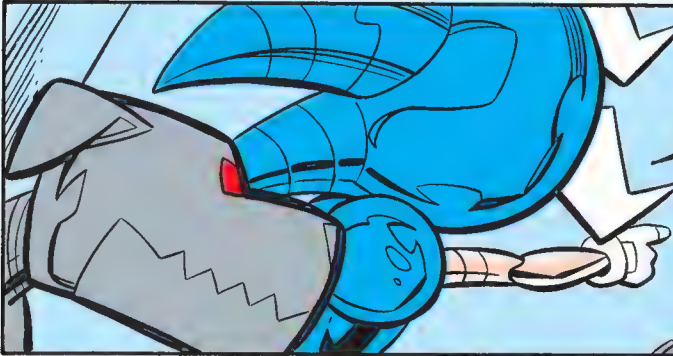




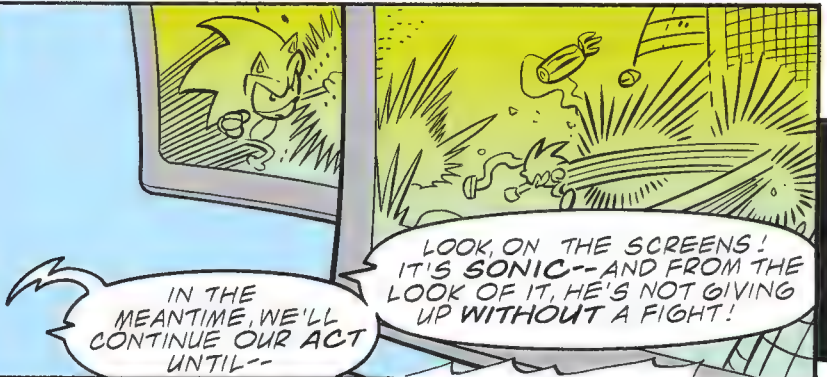




DRAT.



COULDN'T RISK TRYING TO STOP ARACHNIS FROM STEALING THE SWORD, MUTTSKI. WOULD'VE CAUSED A COMMOTION...
...AND ROBOTNIK WOULD'VE LEARNED WE'RE NOT UNDER HIS CONTROL ANYMORE. PROBABLY BETTER THAT SHE'S GOT IT...
...OR HE MIGHT'VE TESTED IT ON ANOTHER ROBIAN AND LEARNED THAT IT RESTORES FREE WILL.

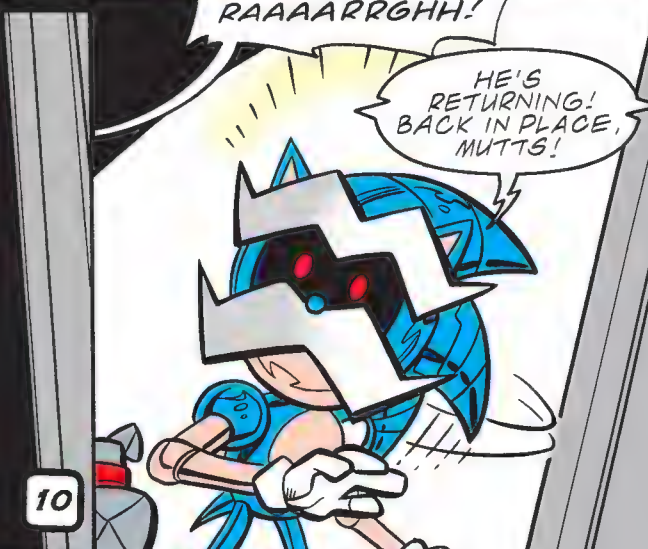


IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL CONTINUE OUR ACT UNTIL--

LOOK, ON THE SCREENS! IT'S SONIC-- AND FROM THE LOOK OF IT, HE'S NOT GIVING UP WITHOUT A FIGHT!

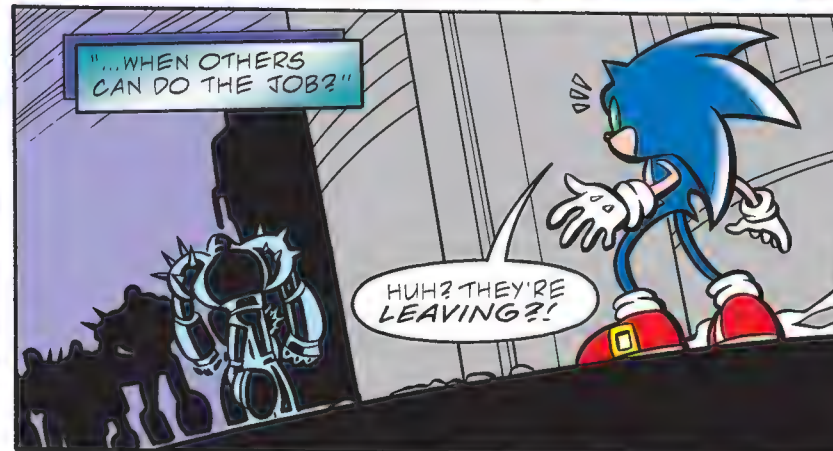
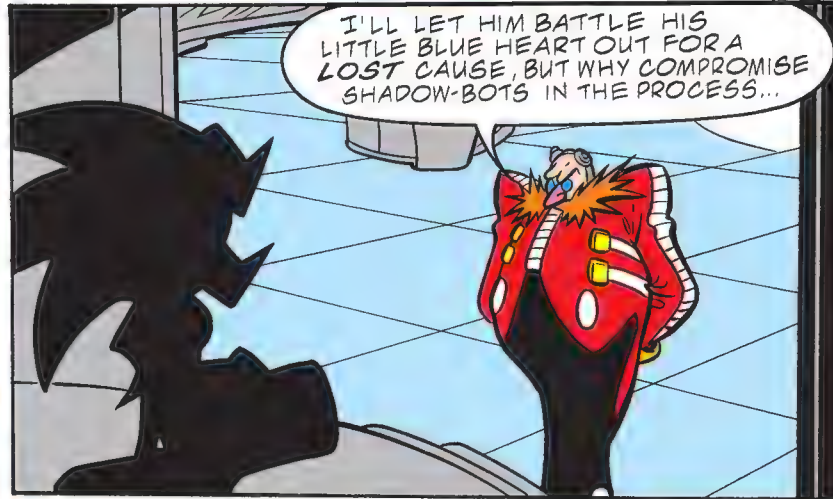
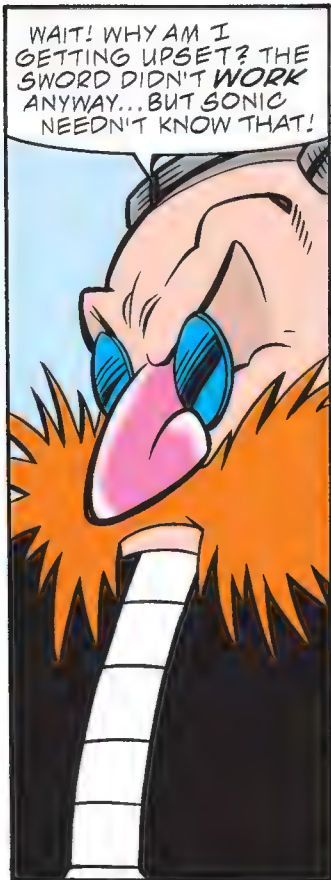
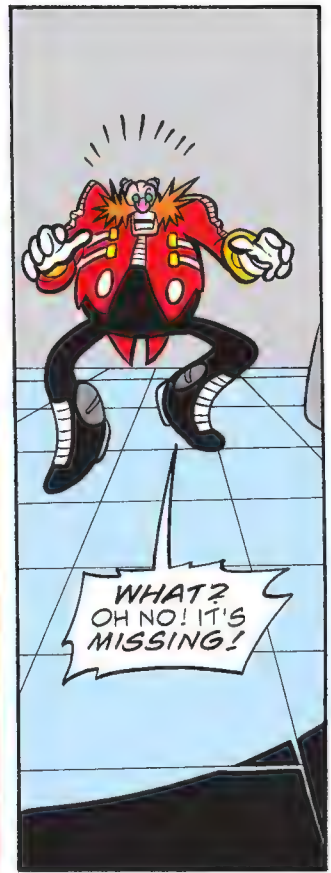
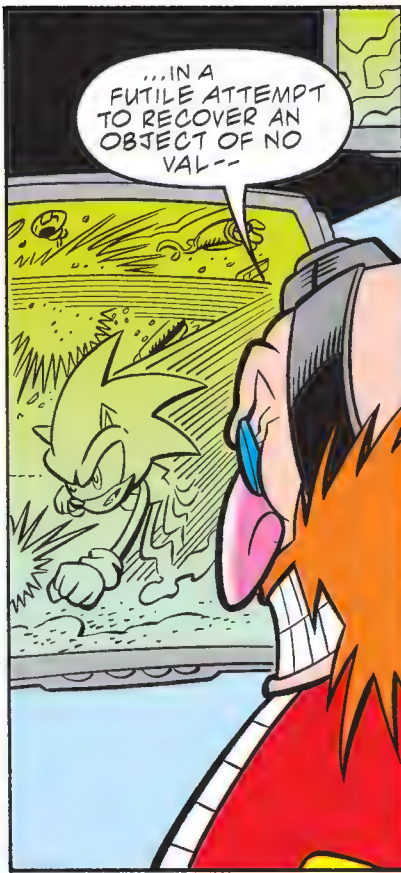


ATTABOY, SONNY--



RAAAARRGHH!

HE'S RETURNING! BACK IN PLACE, MUTTS!



KNOTHOLE...

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU AGAIN, NATE...

NOR I YOU, QUEEN ALICIA, BUT WE'LL HAVE TIME TO REMINISCE LATER...

...RIGHT NOW, I THINK YOU AND THE PRINCESS HAVE SOME CATCHING UP TO DO!

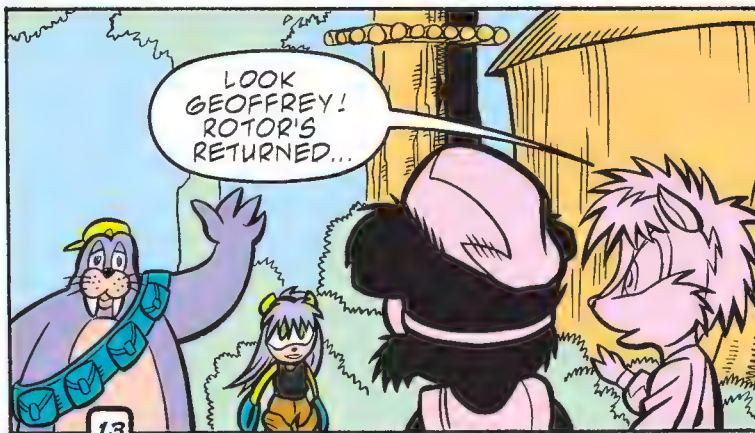
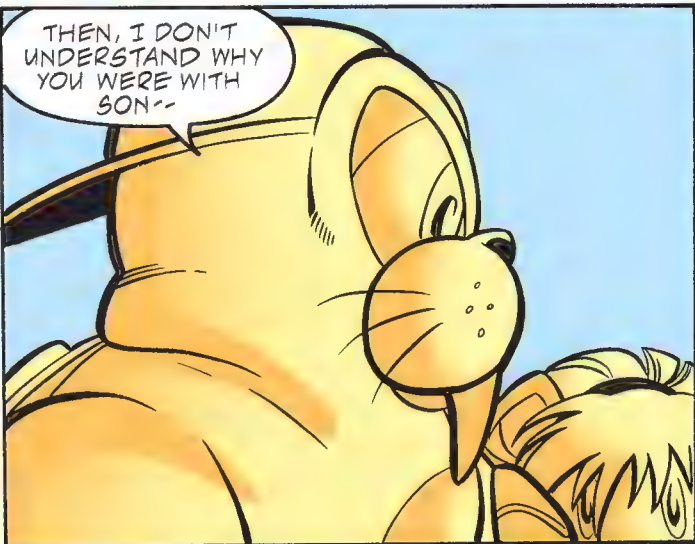
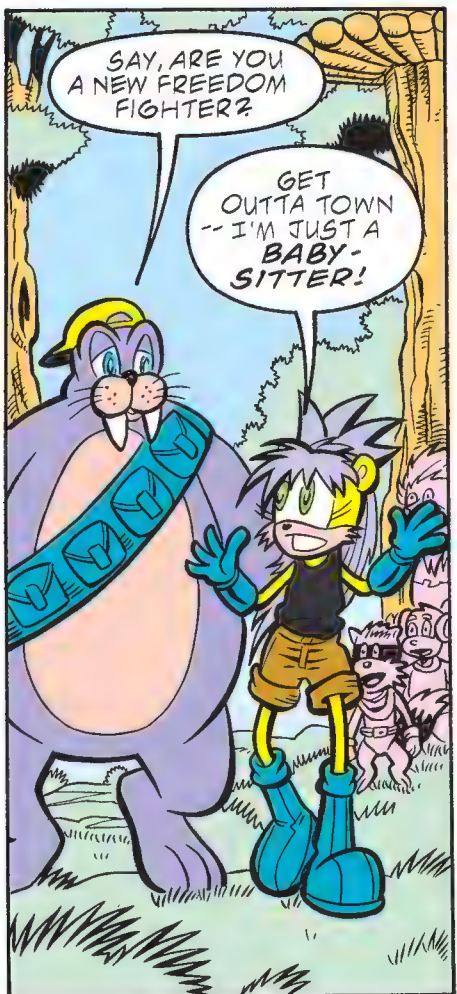
HE'S RIGHT, SALLY, BUT IS SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU? YOUR FATHER?

YES...

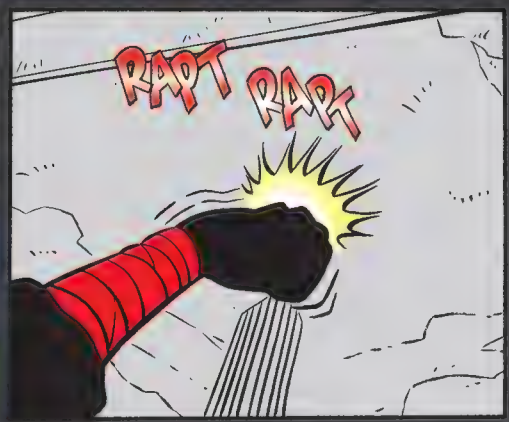
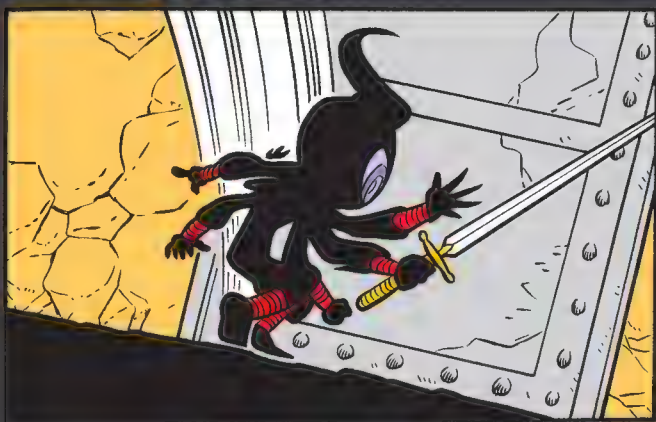
...PLUS WONDERING HOW ELIAS IS DOING WITH THAT MISSING SWORD BUSINESS.

I'M CERTAIN HE'S DOING JUST FINE--HE WAS BORN TO IT!

BORN TO IT, YES, BUT DEFINITELY NOT BRED.



BENEATH THE STREETS
OF ROBOTROPOLIS...



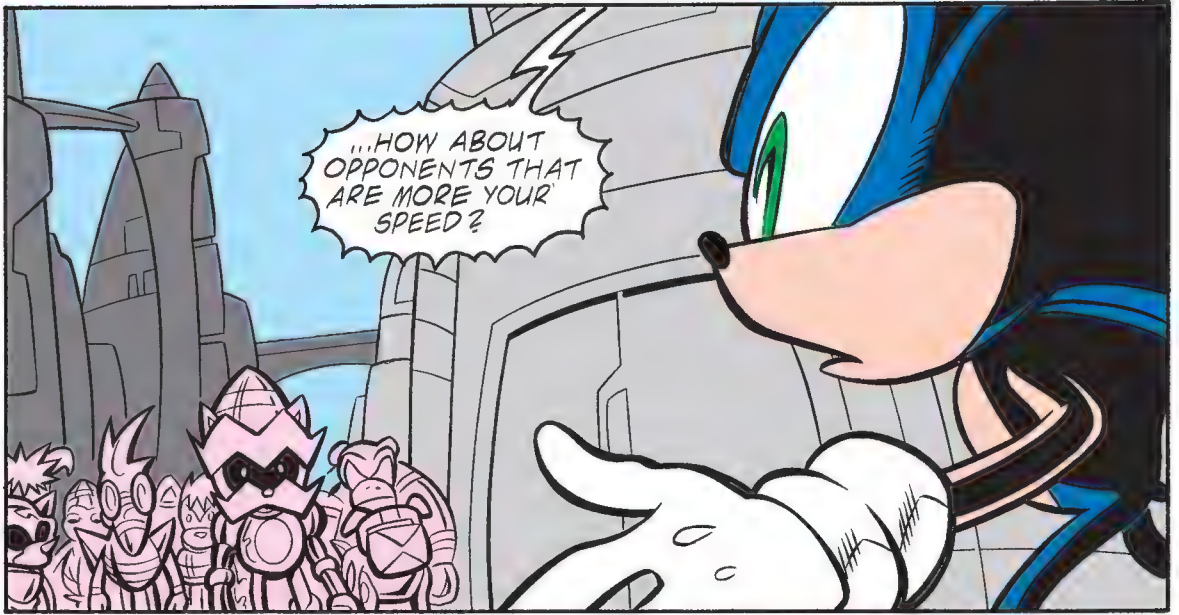
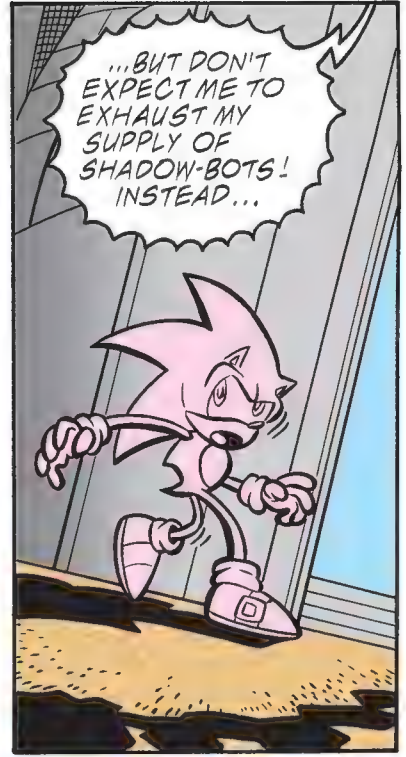
DID YOU
GET IT? DUMB
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COURSE YOU
GOT IT.



WELL,
DON'T
JUST
STAND
THERE--



--LEMMIE
HAVE IT!

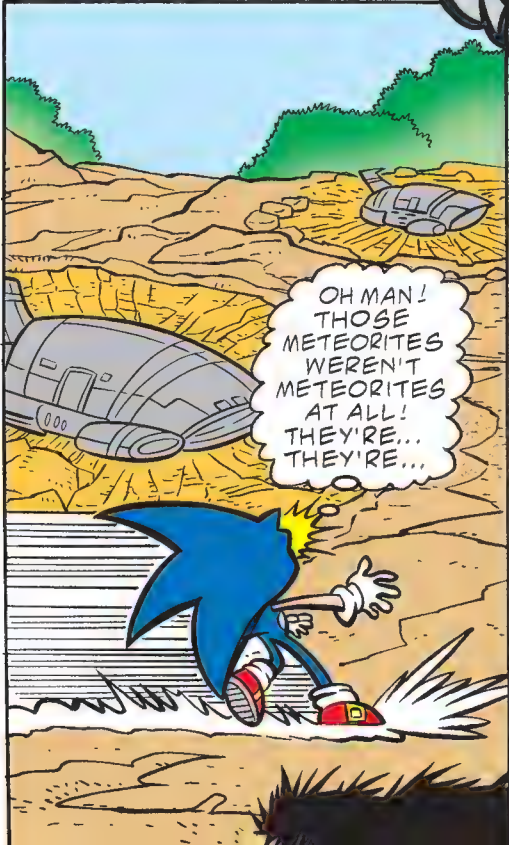




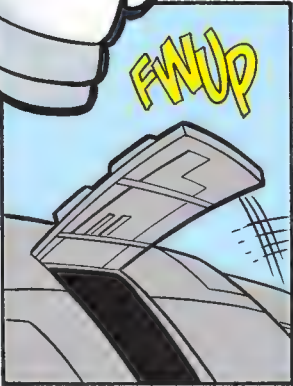
SORRY, SONNY-BOY--
I COULD JUST GO WITH YOU,
BUT SOMEONE'S GOTTA KEEP
AN EYE ON ROBOTNIK!



"DON'T WORRY,
THOUGH. I'LL
FIND A WAY TO
GET IN TOUCH!"



OH MAN!
THOSE
METEORITES
WEREN'T
METEORITES
AT ALL!
THEY'RE...
THEY'RE...



FWUP



FWUP



NOW THIS
I DON'T
BELIEVE!

TO BE
CONTINUED!

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!**

THE SETTING... A WATERING HOLE OF ILL REPUTE!
THE TIME... PRESENT DAY MOBIAN DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS! WHAT'S GOING ON... NEED YOU ASK?

...THEN THERE WAS THE JOB I WAS ESPECIALLY PROUD OF!

FASTEST SUCKER YOU EVER SAW!

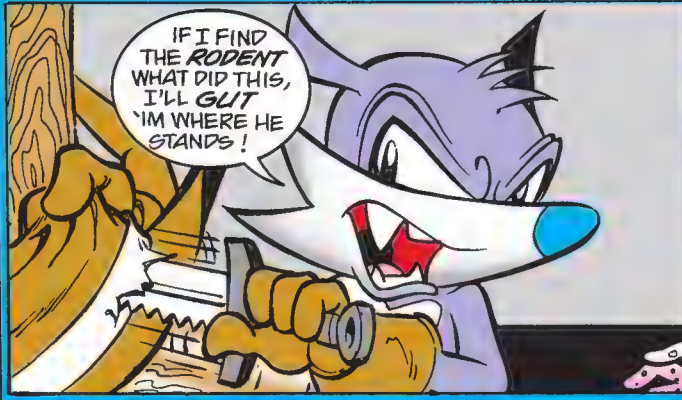
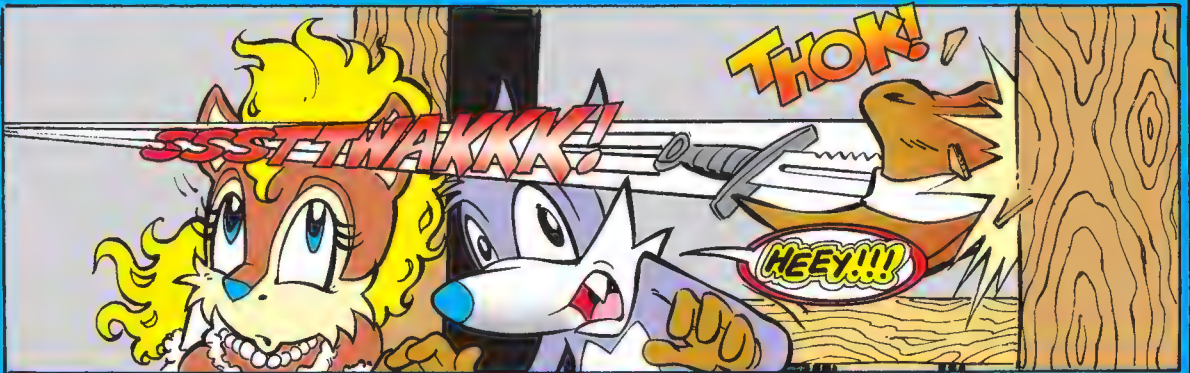
A BLUE HEDGEHOG, HE WAS!

BUT HE HADN'T EVER RUN INTO NACK THE WEASEL BEFORE!

NEITHER HAVE I!

YOU SHOULD COME AROUND MORE OFTEN!

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--AND I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY!

NIC!!

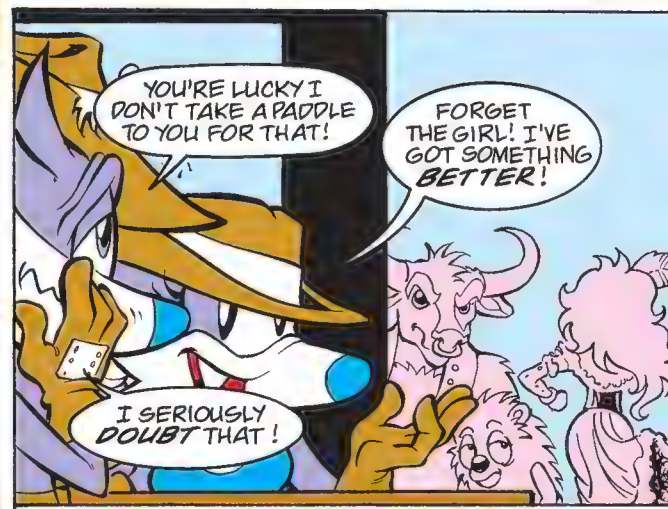


YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT BEING MARRIED!

WHAT SORT OF GIRL DO YOU THINK I AM?

SNIAP!

BUT I'M NOT-- OOW!!



YOU'RE LUCKY I DON'T TAKE A PADDLE TO YOU FOR THAT!

FORGET THE GIRL! I'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER!

I SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT!



WE'VE BEEN HIRED FOR A JOB!

"WE?" I WORK SOLO!

IF I COULD DO THIS ALONE, I WOULDN'T BE HERE, EITHER!

WHO'S THE CATCH?



HIM!

AND THE REWARD IS A KING'S RANSOM!

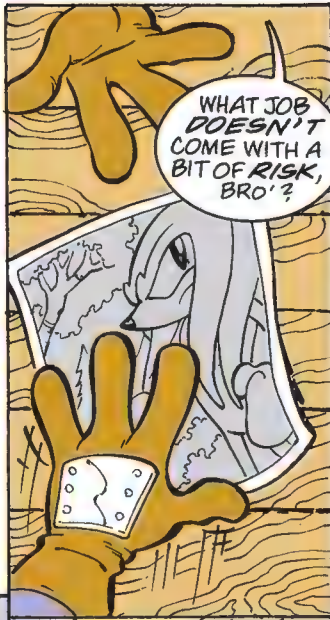
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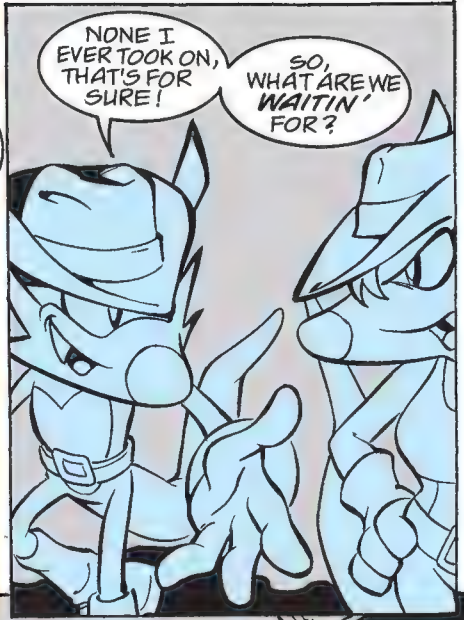
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT, SIS!

THE ECHIDNAS AREN'T RENOWNED FOR INVOLVING OUTSIDERS WITH THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS!

SOMEONE'S HOLDIN' OUT ON YOU BIG TIME!

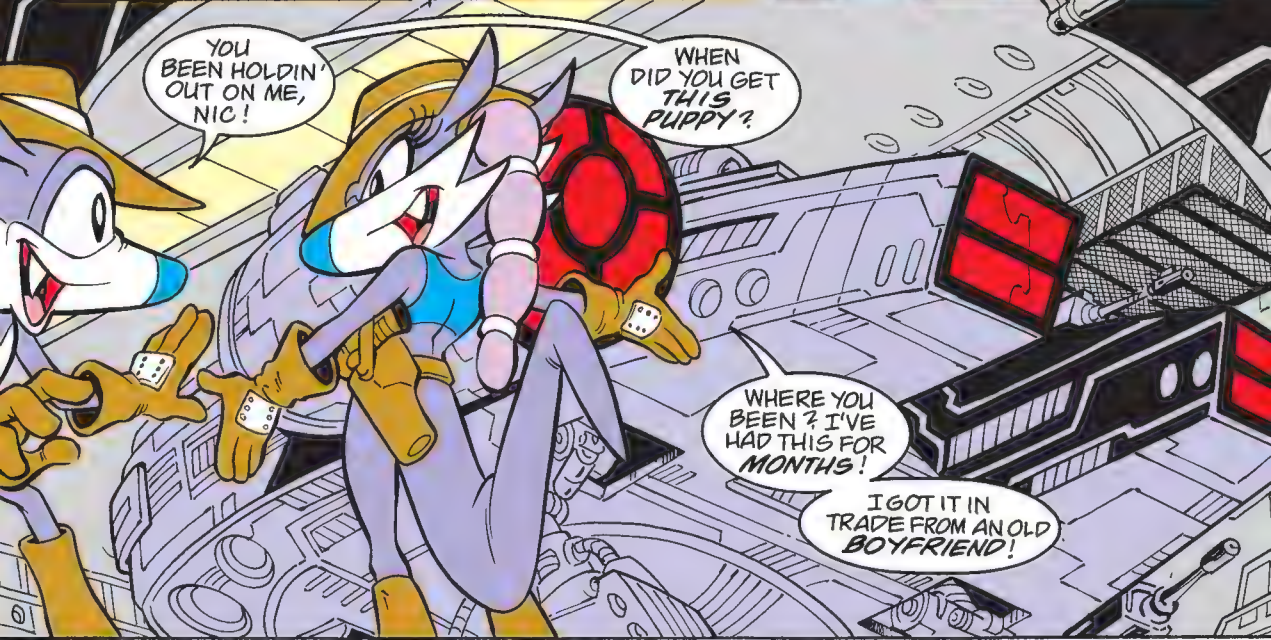


WHAT JOB DOESN'T COME WITH A BIT OF RISK, BRO'?



NONE I EVER TOOK ON, THAT'S FOR SURE!

SO, WHAT ARE WE WAITIN' FOR?

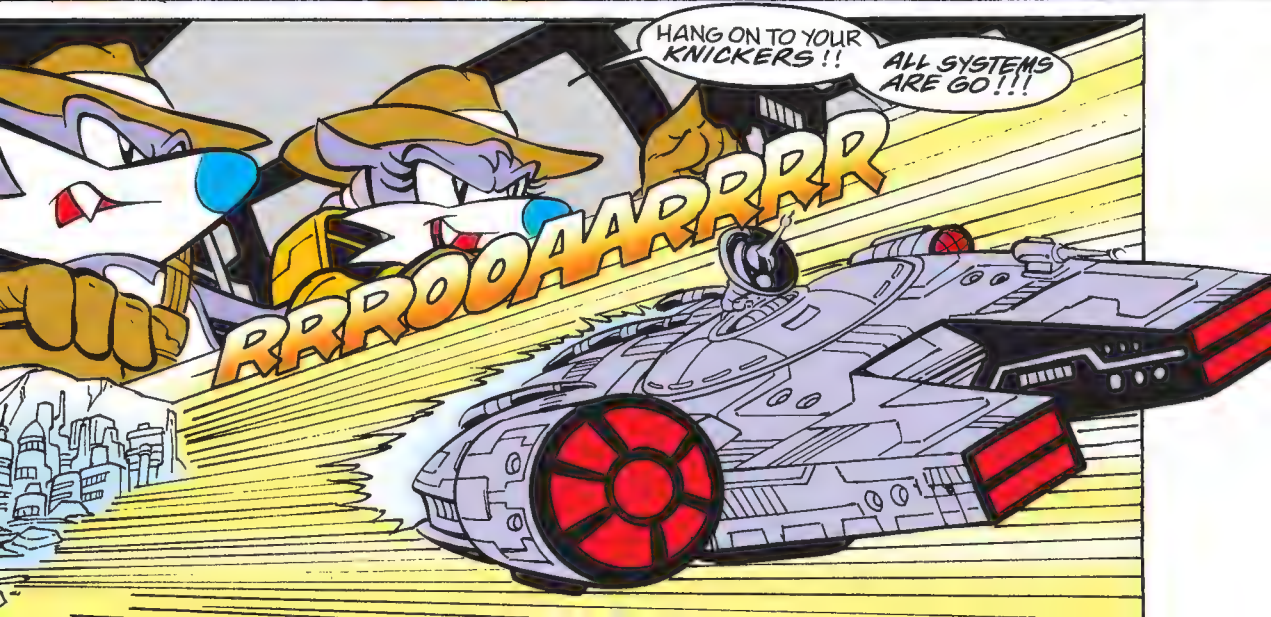


YOU BEEN HOLDIN' OUT ON ME, NIC!

WHEN DID YOU GET THIS PUPPY?

WHERE YOU BEEN? I'VE HAD THIS FOR MONTHS!

I GOT IT IN TRADE FROM AN OLD BOYFRIEND!



HANG ON TO YOUR KNICKERS!!

ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!!!

RRROOARRRR

JUST ONE QUESTION--
--YOU SURE THIS IS THE WAY TO THE FLOATING ISLAND?

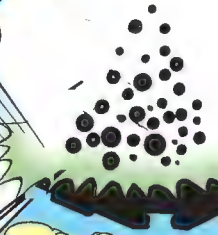


WE'RE NOT GOING THERE!
WE'RE NOT?!
BUT--



SINCE WHEN?
LIKE FOREVER!
AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD ME!
THEY'RE REAL BIG INTO PRIVACY!

THE ISLAND'S NOT THE ONLY PLACE ON MOBIUS WHERE ECHIDNAS HANG OUT!

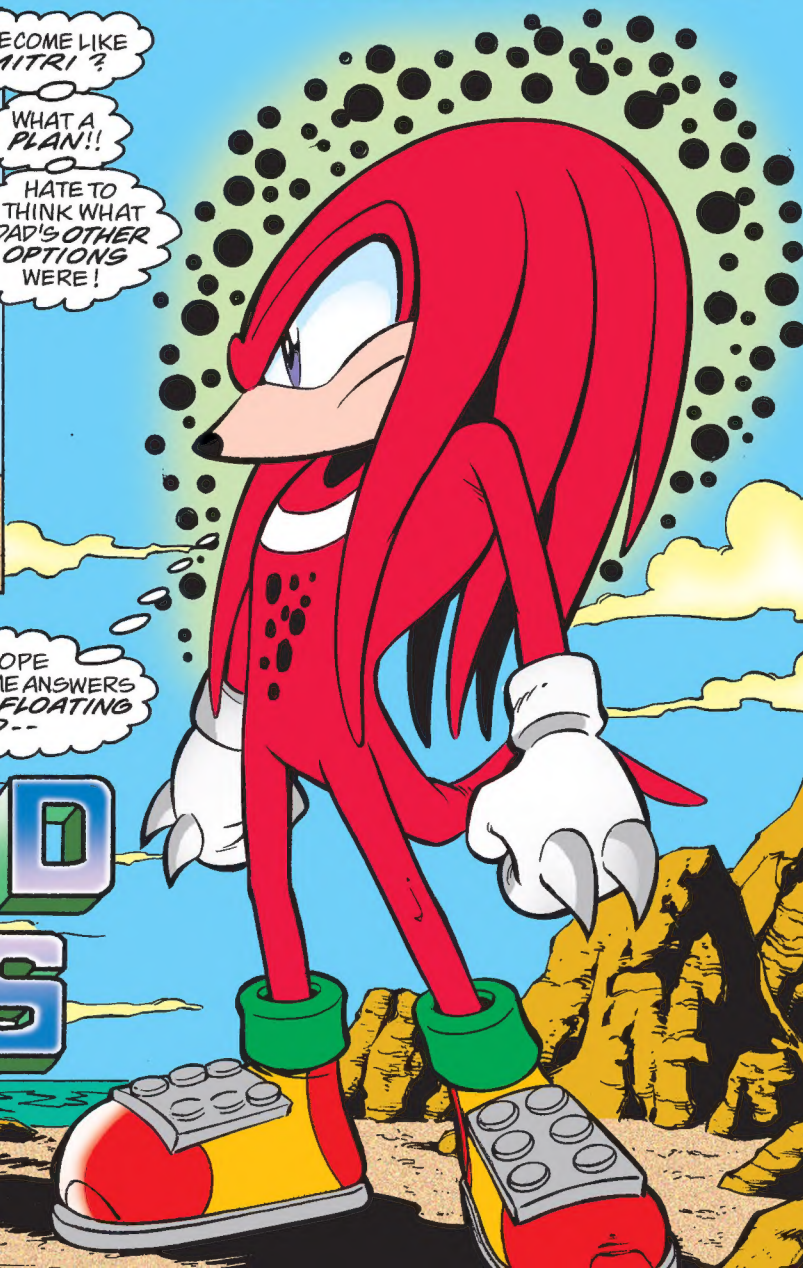
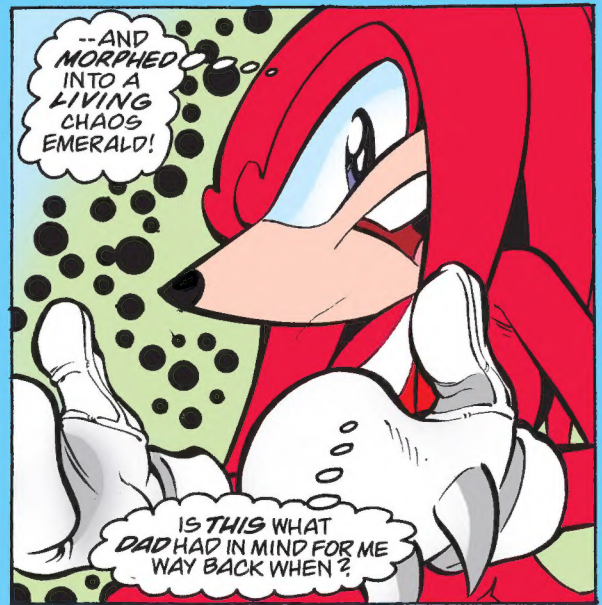
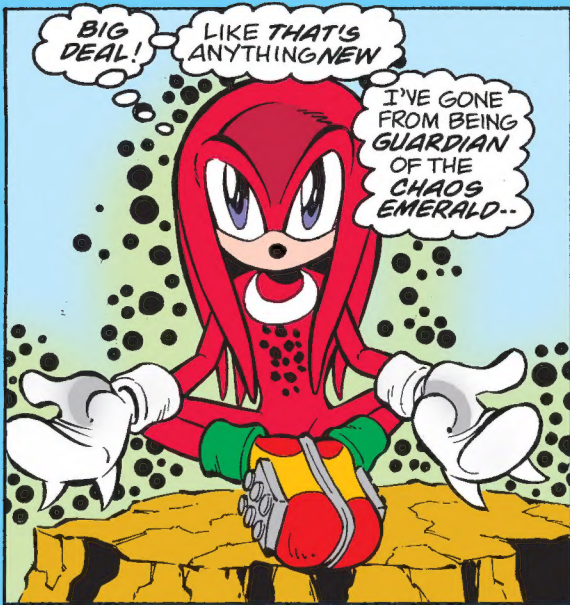


I WAS GIVEN DIRECTIONS WHERE TO GO AND THEY WOULD TAKE OVER AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT!

LET'S JUST HOPE YOU HAVEN'T BITTEN OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE!

WEIRD!

GOT A BAD FEELING ALL OF A SUDDEN!



HIRED GUNS

"--WHEREVER IT IS!"

I DON'T GET IT!

THE COORDINATES THE ECHIDNAS GAVE ME ARE BEYOND THE ISLAND WE'RE PASSING OVER!

MAYBE IT'S A TEST TO SEE IF YOU'RE WORTH THE MONEY!

BA-DHOOM!

WE'RE BUCKING!

YOU SURE YOU KNOW HOW TO PILOT THIS THING?!

I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING!!!

THE GUIDANCE SYSTEM HAS GONE AUTO-MATIC!!

YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH, NIC?!

AT THIS POINT, I'M NOT SO SURE!

HEY! THAT HUNK'A DIRT WASN'T THERE A SECOND AGO!

ATTENTION, BOUNTY ONE!! THIS IS ALBION FLIGHT CONTROL!!

WE HAVE ASSUMED CONTROL OF YOUR VEHICLE--

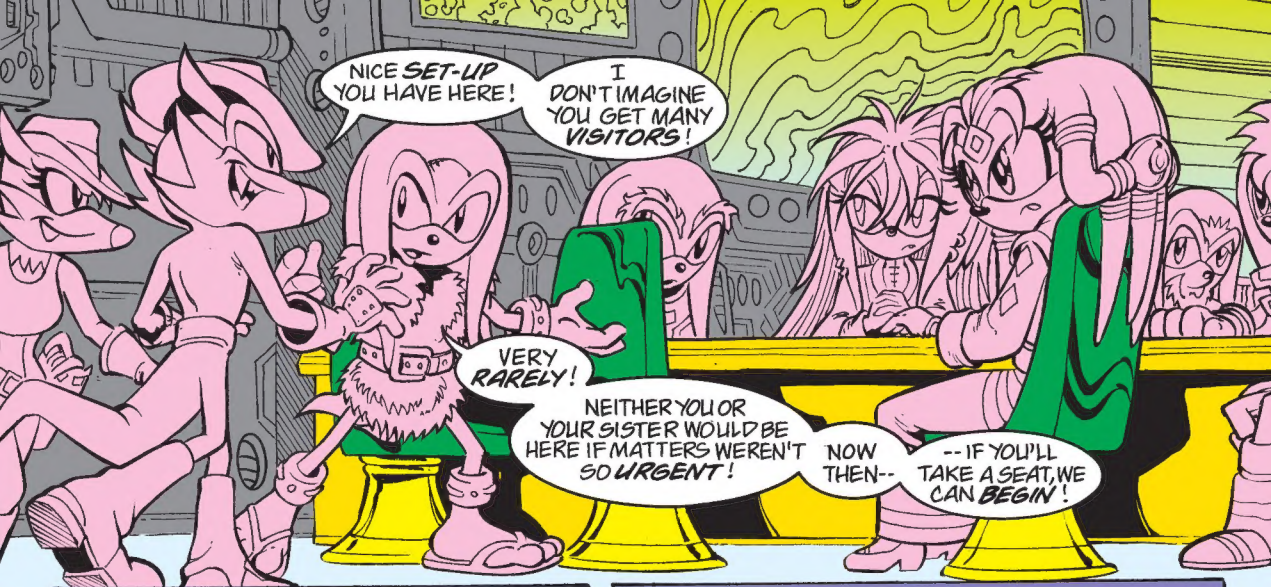
RIGHT ON THE MONEY! THESE GUYS DON'T MESS AROUND!

JUST REMEMBER, THEY CAME TO ME FIRST!

--AND ARE NOW SENDING THE DATA INTO YOUR SYSTEM TO BRING YOU IN NICE AND SMOOTH!

HAPPY LANDINGS-- AND WELCOME TO ALBION!

WHOOSH!



NICE SET-UP YOU HAVE HERE!

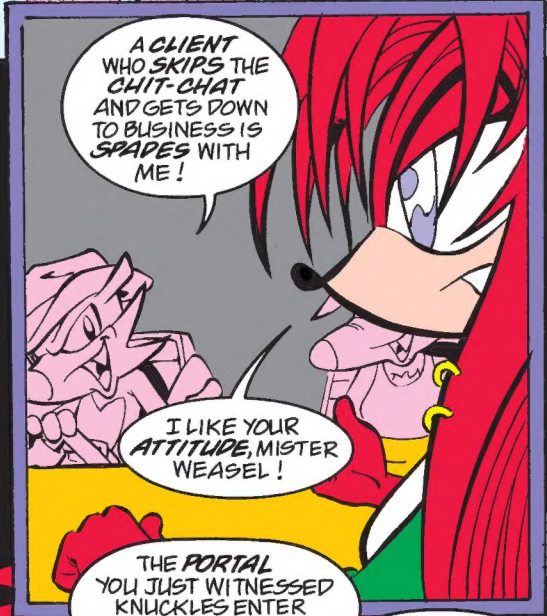
I DON'T IMAGINE YOU GET MANY VISITORS!

VERY RARELY!

NEITHER YOU OR YOUR SISTER WOULD BE HERE IF MATTERS WEREN'T SO URGENT!

NOW THEN--

--IF YOU'LL TAKE A SEAT, WE CAN BEGIN!

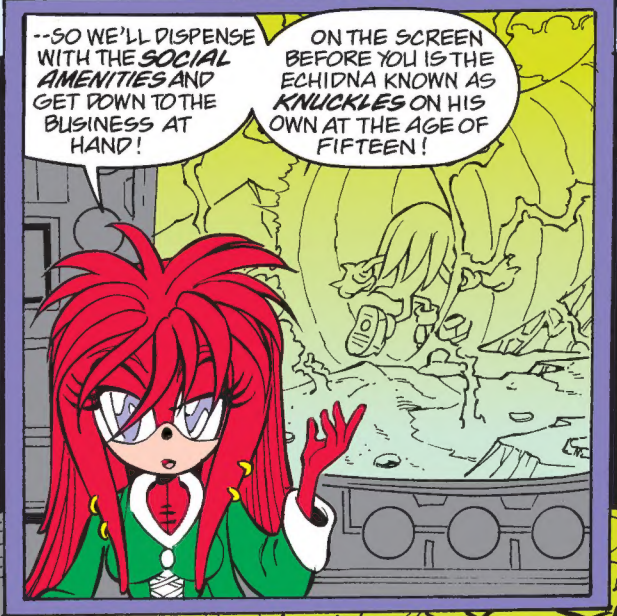


A CLIENT WHO SKIPS THE CHIT-CHAT AND GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS IS SPARES WITH ME!

I LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE, MISTER WEASEL!

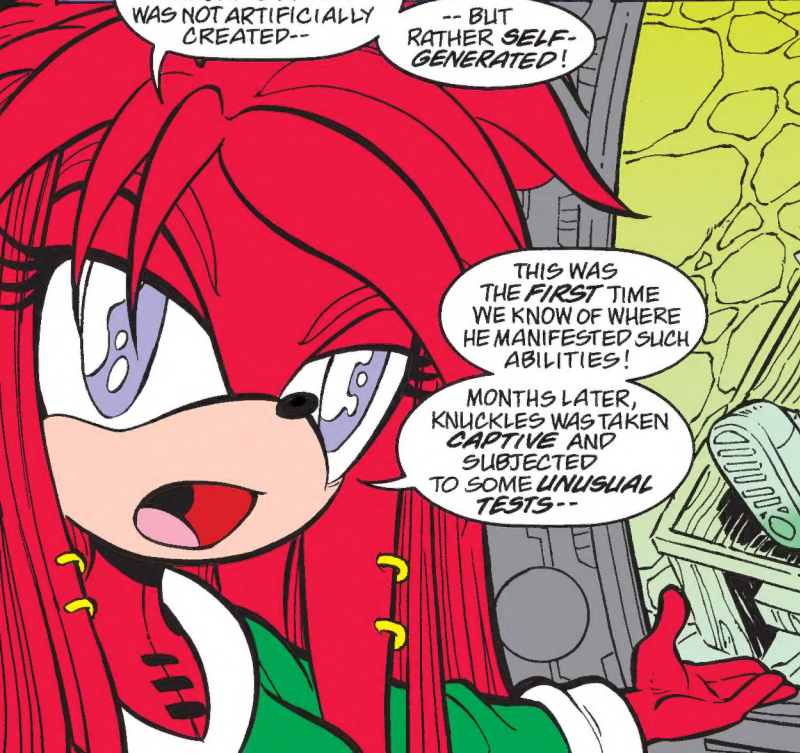
THE PORTAL YOU JUST WITNESSED KNUCKLES ENTER WAS NOT ARTIFICIALLY CREATED--

-- BUT RATHER SELF-GENERATED!



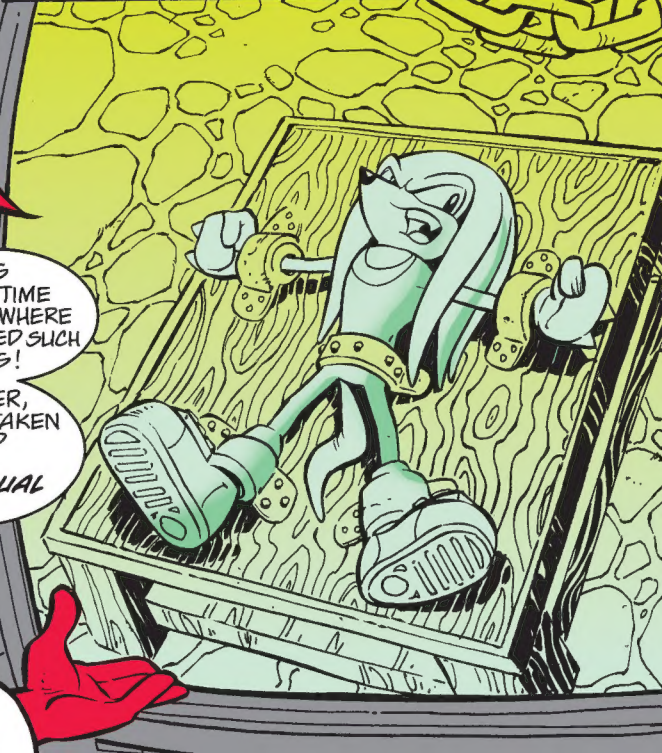
--SO WE'LL DISPENSE WITH THE SOCIAL AMENITIES AND GET DOWN TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND!

ON THE SCREEN BEFORE YOU IS THE ECHIDNA KNOWN AS KNUCKLES ON HIS OWN AT THE AGE OF FIFTEEN!



THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME WE KNOW OF WHERE HE MANIFESTED SUCH ABILITIES!

MONTHS LATER, KNUCKLES WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE AND SUBJECTED TO SOME UNUSUAL TESTS--



-- WITH UNEXPECTED RESULTS!

KNUCKLES' LATENT ABILITIES WERE NOW FULLY ACTIVE, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NOT COGNIZANT OF THAT FACT!

RECENTLY, KNUCKLES LEFT US, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH HASTENED FURTHER MUTATION--

-- MAKING HIM A DANGER TO ANY HE COMES INTO CONTACT WITH!

SO, ARE YOU ASKING US TO TAKE HIM OUT?

ONLY AS A LAST RESORT!

WE'D MUCH PREFER HE BE RETURNED TO US SO WE CAN DEAL WITH HIS PROBLEM!

WE'LL DOUBLE THE BONUS IF YOU DO BRING HIM BACK ALIVE!

THINK THEY'RE UP TO THE TASK, GALA-NA?

THEY'RE JUST THE SMOKE SCREEN, MYKOL!

ONCE THEY LEAD US TO KNUCKLES--

-- ONLY THEN WILL WE DIRTY OUR HANDS!

NEXT: THE BIG CAT AND MOUSE! (- WHERE NOTHING IS AS IT SEEMS!)

ADIOS MUCHACHOS, STEVED BUTLER '06